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A NEW START FOR A YOUNG LIFE

Clutching her doll, a little girl from the Soviet Union stands amid piles of luggage at Ben-Gurion Airport, trying to pick out her family's belongings. Even while the Yom Kippur War was at its height, not a single day passed without the arrival of new immigrants from Russia and other parts. (WZO)

Every family to be askec to purchase $1,000 Bond in 1974 drive now starte

TORONTO –

The Toronto Jewish community will launch the 1974 State of Israel Bond campaign with a "Shomer Yisrael" (Guardian of Israel) program, it has been announced by Jack Israeli, campaign general chairman. Under the "Shomrei Yisrael," every Jewish family is asked to be a minimum $1,000 purchaser of Israel Bonds in 1974.

The Shomrei Yisrael, to be carried out in synagogues, landsmanshaften and lodges throughout the community, was adopted at the first cabinet meeting of the 1974 Bond drive held recently, after an overflow attendance of community leaders heard Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's first ambassador to Canada, describe the serious economic problems facing Israel as a result of the Yom Kippur War.

Presidents and Israel Bond chairmen of Toronto synagogues, landsmanshaften, representatives of the B'nai B'rith Council, and Zionist organizations met together recently in extraordinary session at Beth Jacob Synagogue to announce their plans for holding Shomrei Yisrael events in their respective organizations between the beginning of April and mid-June.

A significant number of leading synagogues have already scheduled major Shomrei Yisrael dinners to be preceded by a series of parlor meetings hosted by congregation leaders. Sharei Shomayim Synagogue has taken the lead with two such meetings held this week. Synagogue president Mark Gross was host at his home for a gathering of members, friends and associates, and dinner-chairman designate Jack Schwartz held a meeting at his home for enrolments of Israel Bond Guardians.

The culminating Shaarei Shomayim dinner will take place in mid-May with an outstanding speaker flying in from Israel to address the event. Other congregations which have declared plans to hold Shomrei Yisrael dinners include Beth Sholom, Clanton Park, Beth Jacob, and B'nai Torah.

In announcing the official start of the special Guardian program, Jack Israeli announced the appointment of two veteran Israel Bond leaders as co-chairmen. Dr. Norman Shaul and Nathan Arback, long active in religious life and in behalf of causes for Israel and Jewish education, will direct the effort. President of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, Arback has been chairman of the Synagogue Division for Israel Bonds for the past two years and has served on the campaign cabinet for several drives. Co-chairman of the Synagogue Division, Dr. Shaul has been Israel Bond chairman for Clanton Park Synagogue and for Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai B'rith. A leading member of the speaker's bureau of Israel Bonds, he has been directly involved in the raising of millions of dollars for the Jewish state.

Among those serving on the Shomrei Yisrael committee are: Alex Eisen, Ben A. Himel, Sam Faivish, Alvin Dickstein, Mrs. Irving Sussman, Mrs. Samuel Sarick, Jack Kruger, Dr. Harvey Shaul, Morton Mogil, Norman Shapiro, Aron Frankel, Jack Kahn, Ben Smith, Bert Godfrey and Jack Kosoy.

Fund-raising bodies agree on new campaign timetable to eliminate overlapping

TORONTO –

A new campaign timetable for the Toronto State of Israel Bonds and the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto was announced this week in a joint statement from Jack Israeli, general chairman of State of Israel Bonds and Murray B. Koffler, UJA campaign chairman.

–Under the arrangement, the 1974 Bond campaign will commence now and continue until Nov. 15.

–The 1975 United Jewish Appeal campaign will commence Nov. 15 and continue through Pesach 1975.

–The 1975 Bond campaign will be held from Pesach until November, 1975.

The agreement provides for preliminary campaigning of a preparatory nature by both organizations.

The statement from Koffler and Israeli was endorsed by George Cohon, president of the Canadian Israel Prime Minister's Club and Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto. It declares that at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, the cooperation between Bonds and UJA was exemplary "and the community was able to raise, on a combined basis, the greatest amount ever for Israel."

Says the statement further: "This co-operation is being carried on through the further adjustment of campaign dates in 1974 and 1975 to enable the two major fund-raising bodies to campaign more effectively so as to raise the maximum amount possible for local and Israel needs, and to minimize a duplication of effort on the part of campaign leaders -- many of whom are active in both campaigns."

The statement expresses the appreciation of both organizations to the community for its wonderful support and calls on all organizations and individuals in the Toronto Jewish community to join in carrying out the agreement worked out by UJA and Bonds "in the same spirit of harmony and understanding which was evident in the meeting of our leadership."

WJC cancellation causes resentment

AMSTERDAM (JCNS) –

The decision of the World Jewish Congress to cancel the meeting of its general assembly at The Hague next month has caused resentment in government circles here.

A government spokesman told the Jewish Chronicle News Service correspondent: "The decision to cancel the congress is a great disappointment for the prime minister. He regrets the countermand very much. For Joop den Uyl and his government it was of great importance that the meeting should be held in Holland."

The prime minister was expected to address the WJC general assembly and delegates were to have been received by Queen Juliana.

Moreover, the reasons advanced by the WJC office in New York are not accepted here.

The WJC maintains that the large number of delegates expected made security an impossible task. It was stated that because of insufficient accommodation in The Hague, many delegates would have been scattered outside the city. However, Convention Travel International, the agency which provides hotel reservations in Holland informed the JCNS that there were 900 beds in The Hague at its disposal.

On the security issue, the government spokesman added: "We think to be ever equal to the security risk, absolute guarantees can never be given. But the WJC assembly would not have been our first security problem." He referred to the other security problems facing the Dutch including hijackers. Two Arabs are at present being detained after hijacking a British Airways VC10 on a flight from Bombay via Beirut with 92 passengers and 10 crew and setting it ablaze at Schiphol Airport at the beginning of this month.

The Arab terrorist organization responsible has warned the Dutch government that it would take reprisals for any action against the two men, according to Beirut reports.

"These people (the terrorists) want to involve us deeply in their actions. Things are so, but we know where we stand and this determines our attitude towards the WJC conference. Such a conference must be possible in Holland."

The Dutch Jewish weekly **Mieuw Israelietisch Weekblad**, in an editorial describes as "pitiable" the WJC's surrender to Arab terror. "The Israeli authorities were right to insist upon no submission to pressure from Arab terror. It gives a less sympathetic and courageous impression when the leadership of a Jewish organization with the importance of the WJC cancels a conference with hundreds of participants because of fear. Ironically, this decision was taken in New York at nearly the same time that the Arab countries announced the continuation of the oil embargo against Holland . . . In many Arab terrorist camps the WJC decision will be welcomed with joy."

Kissinger reportedly said to group: 'Israel lost war'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO –

A well known Canadian commentator on Middle Eastern affairs claimed in a speech last Sunday that U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told a closed meeting of Jewish academicians at Harvard that, strategically speaking, Israel had lost the Yom Kippur War.

Speaking at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Arnold Ages, a professor at Waterloo University, reported that Kissinger's gloomy but dramatic remarks have been largely ignored and unpublished by the world press to date.

Henry Kissinger

According to Ages, who secured a memorandum of this highly important briefing, Kissinger revealed that a third of the total American arms stockpile was shipped or flown to Israel during and after the recent war.

Citing recent U.S. Congressional reluctance to ratify a $2.2 billion arms grant to Israel, Ages, who is also editor of **The Canadian Jewish Chronicle Review**, said it would be a grave mistake on the part of Jews and Israelis to assume that U.S. support of Israeli policy was everlasting.

Quoting Kissinger, Ages said the Yom Kippur War had deepened Israel's political isolation and damaged her relationship with the European NATO nations.

During the conflict, when certain NATO members permitted Soviet overflights to aid Egypt and Syria, similar U.S. requests were repeatedly rejected, inflaming American-European relations, he said.

Kissinger is further reported to have pointed out that the Arab fighting nations won a "major victory" against Israel because their armies remained intact after 17 days of fierce battle. "Kissinger also said that later Israeli gains, particularly the daring crossing of the Suez Canal, were unimportant, since Israeli vulnerability is greater than ever before in its history," added Ages.

The professor again quoted Kissinger by saying the "older generation in Israel which came to Palestine . . . now finds itself in a position which it thought it had left behind forever -- a weak Jewish community facing a strong, hostile Arab nation."

Ages, declaring that a "new spirit of self-criticism" had evolved among Jews and Israelis as a result of the war, said that it was "time for candor to challenge the myths of the past.

"It is necessary, as thinking people, to examine our beliefs on the Middle East. We must face brutally and frontally some of our former excesses."

Referring to such renowned Middle East experts as Nadav Safran, of Harvard, and Le Monde journalist, Eric Rouleau, Ages contended that Israel had "temporarily lost its military superiority -- its deterrent --" because of the outcome of the war.

"The Arabs have learned to use weapons, such as the Sagger anti-tank missile, which have nullified the Israeli combination consisting of the jet and the tank."

In discussing the West Bank, in occupied Jordan, the professor asserted that "Israel has consistently ignored the Palestinians or refused to consider the idea of a Palestinian nation." As a result of Israel's outmoded policy, no effective Palestinian leadership had emerged in the West Bank to challenge the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Ages closed his speech on an optimistic note, theorizing that Egypt's "benign" policy toward Israel, as well as Syria's changing mood on the Arab-Israeli dispute, augered well for an eventual Middle East settlement.

'Unity paramount in solving crisis'

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Premier Golda Meir has declared here that the unity of the Jewish people was paramount in finding a solution to the "Who is a Jew?" issue. Addressing the 85th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), she noted that the special ministerial committee her coalition government will establish to find a solution would consult with scholars and leaders of all branches of Judaism and would seek "the best advice of the best minds in Jewish life on all sides."

She cautioned, however, that a solution to this long-term problem could not be expected overnight. It can come about to the satisfaction of all, she said, if all sides approached the issue with the unity of the Jewish people as the uppermost consideration in their minds. She recalled that last year she had opposed a bill by the Independent Liberal Party leader Gideon Hausner to establish limited civil marriage in Israel. This year she opposed the National Religious Party's position on the "Who is a Jew?" issue. In both instances, her primary consideration had been not to aggravate the divisions among the Jewish people, she said.

Dr. Israel Peled (dark suit), president of the World Maccabi Union, steps back after placing a wreath at the memorial mural in the main rotunda of the Northern 'Y' in Toronto. The mural by Aba Bayefsky, is in tribute to the 11 martyred athletes at Munich. Looking on (from left) are YMHA executives John Wahl, Bert Fine and Alex Fisher.

Munich martyrs honored

TORONTO –

Civilian morale and sports in Israel were discussed by Dr. Israel Peled, the mayor of Ramat Gan and the president of the World Maccabi Union, at the Northern Building of the YMHA last Sunday. Dr. Peled paid tribute to the 11 martyred athletes at Munich by placing a wreath at the memorial mural in the main rotunda of the Northern 'Y'.

Dr. Israel Peled and his family visited Toronto on the first stopover of a tour to the Maccabi organizations in the United States and Canada. In Toronto, Dr. Peled met with Alex G. Fisher and Fred Oberlander, co-chairmen of the Canadian Maccabi Association. Greetings were extended by Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and John Wahl, president of the YMHA. For the athletes who had participated in last year's Maccabi events, the reunion with Dr. Peled was nostalgic.

Dr. Peled described Israeli morale after the October war as being distressingly low. He noted that the man on the street simply lacks confidence, not only in his own institutions and leadership, but in the future of Israel as it is being buffeted around by world forces. However, there is one comfort, he said, namely, the unstinting support given by world Jewry through heroic fund-raising efforts and even demonstrations of personal participation on the fronts.

"This reliance upon world Jewry as virtually the main support for Israel carries with it tremendous responsibility," he declared.

Dr. Peled said for the first time Israelis are now recognizing that strong Jewish communities in the Diaspora are vital for the survival of Israel. In this context, he cited that sports provide a very stimulating contact between Jewish communities and Israel. He urged the expansion of all efforts to make the Maccabi events the culmination of continuous activity amongst young people and the institutions serving them.

In touring the Northern YMHA, Dr. Peled was especially interested in the completion program being undertaken by the YMHA. This program is currently campaigning for funds to complete, amongst other things, the physical education facilities.

W. Circle attacks Berrigan

NEW YORK (JTA) –

The presenting of a "peace prize" to the Rev. Daniel Berrigan by the War Resisters League coupled with an anti-Israel stand taken by the pacifist organization was termed "a retreat from the pacifist dogma of peaceful neutrality and an apparent attempt by Father Berrigan to become the Father Coughlin of the irresponsible "left" by the Workmen's Circle.

The Jewish labor fraternal order, which called Berrigan's continuing anti-Israel statements "the effusions of one who picks his weapons in the arsenal of Israel's enemies, and his sense of justice from the propaganda ministries of terrorists," condemned the priest for having "no word of condemnation for the Soviet arms suppliers, no word of horror at the shelling of Jewish settlements in the Golan Heights, never a word of comfort for the Israeli prisoners of war in Syria."

At a press conference prior to receiving his award, Berrigan referred to the "Zionist hawks who presume to speak for the American Jewish community."

World News

Placard waving Black Panthers call for Prime Minister Golda Meir's resignation during a demonstration in Bin Yanei Haona Hall. Histadrut's 12th national convention ended recently after three days of stormy sessions. (IPPA)

Even Golda is jeered

Hecklers disrupt convention

TEL AVIV (JTA) –

Histadrut's 12th national convention ended here after three days of stormy sessions during which jeers, catcalls and scuffles precluded any positive accomplishments and prevented most of the speakers from finishing their speeches.

The main hecklers were Black Panthers and followers of the leftist Moked and Meri factions but the right-wing Likud also got in some verbal blows.

Even Premier Golda Meir, who addressed the convention was not spared. Panthers in the Mann Auditorium yelled, "Golda, Queen of the Social Gap. Golda, Queen of the Mishap, Golda Resign." Their words reflected the apparent dissatisfaction felt in Israel today with the government, its leadership and institutions, arising from the Yom Kippur War and galloping inflation.

Resolutions adopted had a calming effect on the delegates who were, in any case, exhausted. They called for measures to check the inflationary spiral, demanded higher cost-of-living allowances to keep pace with soaring prices and the exemption of wage fringe benefits from income tax.

The prime minister appeared to take no notice of the Panther commotion when she mounted the podium. She promised that every effort would be made by the government to close the social gap. But she observed that in a developing country such as Israel which needed investments, some people would collect a disproportionate share of the income. She concluded her speech to more shouts and whistles from the floor. A new secretary general will be elected some time next month.

Develop devices to ease plight of the wounded

REHOVOT –

Ten devices to ease the plight of wounded soldiers at the Rehabilitation Center of Sheba (Tel Hashomer) Hospital have been developed by the Scientific Services Department of the Weizmann Institute.

Spurred to action by a televised report, shortly after the Yom Kippur War, on the problems of war-wounded soldiers, the unit, headed by Daniel Barak, has been doing its best "to make independent living possible for these men." Because Barak's department deals with the creation, adaptation and maintenance of scientific instruments for Institute scientists, it is uniquely qualified to help find individual solutions for the needs of the handicapped.

A patient whose arms have been amputated above the elbow cannot, even with a prosthesis, perform the rotating motion that is necessary for drinking liquids with a spoon, turning a typewriter roller, or soaping himself; another patient, totally paralyzed save for some slight movement of hands and chin, is unable to operate a push-button to summon help; other paralyzed patients, flat on their backs, can't read because the bedside table to which the book is attached doesn't tilt to a suitable angle.

Each of these problems is individual, pertaining to the specific handicap of each patient, and can often be solved quite simply by minor adaptations of already-existing gadgets.

Working closely with doctors, nurses, and most importantly with the patients themselves, the staff of the department aims at satisfying these needs quickly. "Perhaps the necessary equipment already exists elsewhere in the world," Barak says, "but we are usually able to provide help in under two weeks."

For the young man amputated above the elbows, the institute workers developed a rotating handle which allows his spoon to remain constantly horizontal, thus peeventing spilling; replaced the knob on his typewriter with one that he can easily grasp with the hook of his prosthetis, thus permitting him to rotate paper without difficulty. Twenty-four-hour bedside care is no longer essential for the paralyzed patient whose push-button has been replaced by a far more sensitive switch that is activated on slight pressure from palm or chin.

Dedicate Harris wings

HAIFA –

A site dedication ceremony was held for the planned 600-bed D. Lou Harris Dormitories at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. Participating was a group of close to 100 members of the Canadian Technion Society, who are currently on a mission to Israel. The mission is headed by Louis L. Lockshin, President of the Canadian Technion Society.

The dormitories project is named in memory of D. Lou Harris, long-time president of the society and one of the outstanding leaders of Canadian Jewry, who died in October 1972.

Construction of the $3 million project represents a major expansion of student residence facilities at Technion City. The complex will be comprised of apartment units for five students each, a hostel with individual rooms for transient students and recreational facilities. Construction of the complex is a project of the Canadian Technion Society.

The D. Lou Harris Dormitories will constitute the main part of Canada Village, projected as a residential section of the Technion campus with more than 1,000 beds.

D. Lou Harris

War cost $7.14 billion

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir disclosed to the Knesset that the 18-day Yom Kippur War cost Israel about $7.14 billion. The Israeli government presented a record draft budget of about $8.44 billion to help recover from the October war, with almost one-third set aside for defence and rebuilding the armed forces.

Sapir told the Knesset that millions of dollars in foreign exchange would be needed in the coming year to replace arms lost in the war "as well as to increase our strength."

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A veteran of communal activity, Al Latner (centre), assumes the chairmanship of the Leadership Development Council from his predecessors, Schuyler Sigel at left and Allan Offman. Sigel, Offman and Irving Gerstein (missing from photo) were last year's co-chairmen. Latner is a past chairman of Toronto Israel Bonds and a board member of the United Jewish Welfare Fund. Here they are planning the council's mission to Israel, April 17 — 19.

Returning mayors report tour was revelation

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Seven Canadian mayors returned from a 10-day "mission" in Israel last week where they compared notes with their urban counterparts and captured an intimate glimpse of city life in the Jewish state.

Quebec City Mayor Gilles Lamontagne, in a jubilant mood following his return, told **The Canadian Jewish News** the tour was "really a revelation.

"I don't want to seem to flatter," he said, "but Israel has done miracles with the land. They have to fight for what they have. We have forgotten this and take everything for granted here."

The tour was sponsored by the Israel government tourist office and was intended to foster better relations and tourist flow between Canada and Israel, an aim clearly achieved according to the response of the returned quests.

In addition to Lamontagne, Winnipeg's Steven Juba, Regina's Henry Baker, Ottawa's Pierre Benoit, London's Jane Bigelow, Saskatoon's H.W. Sears, and Calgary's Rod Sykes made the trip.

"We certainly saw peace in Israel . . . of course you knew something was going on, what with tanks, but it didn't seem to bother the common people in the street." Lamontagne, sensing Israelis want to work said, "they are a very determined and motivated people."

The Quebec mayor said he was encouraged by Israel's "intelligent socialism . . . it's not pure socialism, in the sense of the word, but there is common use of services and classes are not as apparent as here."

Visiting the major cities of Israel, and engaging in frank discussions with his urban counterparts, Lamontagne said the cities "have pretty well the same urban problems as we have here."

He said Israeli mayors were critical of higher government involvement in urban life, and there is a move afoot to break down the system where mayors have binding ties with "the party of the central government."

Lamontagne said restoration work taking place in Jerusalem is "tremendous". He was impressed that the people of Jerusalem -- having almost the same numbers as Quebec City -- could work together despite having three different religions.

"When people say Jews don't get along with Arabs, this is completely false."

Mayor Juba of Winnipeg said negotiations are underway to "twin" the Israeli city of Beersheba with Winnipeg.

"It's very similar to Winnipeg. It's young, growing, and very modern. Some people from Winnipeg have gone to live there."

Ottawa Mayor Benoit said Israel impressed him as a country which "knows where it is going and wants to get there as fast as possible.

"When you see what they've accomplished in 26 years of strife, you can only wonder what they would do with 26 years of peace," he declared.

Orthodox to make award at dinner

VANCOUVER -

Joseph Segal, a major figure in the Vancouver Jewish community, will be honored with the Distinguished Service Award of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations. The presentation will take place at the union's 76th annual national dinner in New York, May 19.

Segal has been a stalwart supporter of Jewish endeavors and for the past four years he has served as president of Congregation Schara Tzedeck. He is a life governor of the Vancouver Talmud Torah, an active supporter of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and has been named a Master Builder of Yeshiva University.

Harold M. Jacobs, UOJCA president said the award is for Segal's major contribution to the rennaissance of Torah living now taking place in the Pacific Northwest.

Renowned immunologist will be Weizmann speaker

TORONTO

Dr. Michael Sela, world renowned immunologist, will be the speaker at a lecture on April 3 sponsored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, in co-operation with Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Pollack, of Quebec City.

The distinguished scientist is W. Garfield Weston professor of immunology and head of the department of chemical immunology at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot. He is presently Fogarty Scholar in Residence at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Michael Sela

Dr. Sela's subject for the 8 p.m. lecture is "Probing into the body's defence mechanism: from molecule to cell." At 4 p.m. on the same day, he will address a meeting in the Medical Sciences building of the University of Toronto.

The invitation to Dr. Sela to deliver the 1974 Canadian Weizmann Lectures is recognition of his important contributions to the research for the strengthening of the immunological response against disease. In 1960, he developed in his laboratory at the institute the first synthetic antigens, which has greatly enlarged the capacity for research in immunology.

An advisor to the World Health Organization for more than a decade, Dr. Sela twice visited the Soviet Union as a W.H.O. expert consultant. The first time was in 1966 when he surveyed immunological research facilities in that country. In 1971, he chaired the opening session of a W.H.O. Soviet seminar on the structure and synthesis of antibodies.

Dr. Sela is the holder of many awards, among them being the Rothschild Prize, the Israel Prize in the Natural Sciences, the Medal Cinquentenaire de Societe de Chemie Biologique, Paris, and most recently the Emil von Behring Prize of Philipps University, Marburg, West Germany.

Born in Poland in 1924, Michael Sela received his M.Sc. degree in chemistry from Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1946, and his Ph.D from the same university in 1954. He holds membership in several editorial boards and learned societies.

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UJA, Bonds campaign timetable significant co-operative development

On the front page of this issue of **The Canadian Jewish News** is a joint statement from the United Jewish Appeal and Toronto State of Israel Bonds, announcing a new campaign timetable for their respective appeals. This is a significant development, one that is certain to be of considerable benefit to both organizations.

It is evidence of the maturity of both sets of leadership that they have agreed on a formula aimed at minimizing duplication of effort and other aspects of overlapping. A timetable of this sort which stresses co-operation between the two fund-raising bodies has always been regarded as desirable, but it was never fully implemented.

The crisis created by the Yom Kippur War brought a quickly-arrived at decision to establish ground rules for the respective fund-raising appeals of the two bodies. State of Israel Bonds graciously moved aside to give the UJA emergency campaign a clear road, in the realization that at this time of crisis, Israel needed gift dollars more than she did investment dollars.

Instead of running two distinct campaigns, there will be one continuous campaign, with State of Israel Bonds having the field to itself from now until Nov. 15. The UJA drive will start immediately on the conclusion of the Bonds campaign and will continue through Pesach, 1975. Then hard on the heels of the UJA appeal will come the 1975 Bonds campaign.

One of the chief architects of this harmonious relationship was Murray Koffler, who headed the 1974 UJA–ISF emergency campaign. He believed there should be a united Jewish approach and worked untiringly towards this end. The restatement of the principle of co-operative operation is due in large measure to what he and like-minded leaders in both bodies felt was the proper method to pursue. Another factor in bringing about an integrated timetable is that the leadership of Bonds and UJA today is intertwined to a substantial degree.

The Bonds drive now is officially underway and before it concludes on Nov. 15, it is hoped to reach the target of $45 million for Toronto, which is almost twice the amount raised in the 1973 campaign.

The new timetable for the campaigns will enable even more effective work to be done, and congratulations are in order for those who brought about this desirable state of affairs. Once again the Jewish community is being asked to shoulder a heavy burden, and we are confident it will rise to the challenge in the same magnificent manner it has in the past.

CJC Eastern Region conference seen as national convention preview

Rarely, in the recent past, has there been an agenda so frought with vital points, as is the program for the annual one-day conference of Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region taking place Sunday, March 31, at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The three main items, in fact, and how they are dealt with in discussion, if not final resolution, which is too much to expect at this time, must surely capture the attention of the Jewish constituency across Canada.

First is "Congress in Perspective -- Commitment-Continuity," dealing with CJC's role in the delicate configuration of the total community structure, a subject which has been debated endlessly and with good reason. Second is "Human Rights Legislation in Quebec," with Justice Minister Jerome Choquette as the guest speaker, and finally there is "Jewish Education" which has become a topic of vigorous concern because of its effect on the future of Judaism both in Israel and the Diaspora.

The Eastern Region conference, as it happens, will be particularly and carefully watched as a preview, if you will, of some of the very same subjects that will surely arise at CJC's plenary session June 15-18 at Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

Anti-Zionist propaganda making great strides throughout world

An integral part of the Soviet Union's pro-Arab political stance is its denunciation of Zionism in anti-Semitic terms and actions. For example: the Kremlin has approved publication of books drawing on the anti-Semitic themes of the fraudulent and long-discredited Protocols of the Elders of Zion; Soviet Jews who wish to exercise the right to emigrate and join their co-religionists in Israel have been denounced as traitors, dismissed from their jobs, harassed and imprisoned -- many given severe sentences in secret trials.

When Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah raised the issue in the Security Council, Soviet Ambassador Yakov A. Malik warned him not to "stick your long nose into our Soviet garden" -- an echo of the Jewish caricatures in Nazi publications.

In Latin America, an increasingly sophisticated Arab campaign to weaken the traditional support for Israel's right of existence includes a joining of extreme leftist and rightist anti-Semites who derive financial and other support from Arab embassies and missions, Arab League offices and Latin Americans of Arab descent.

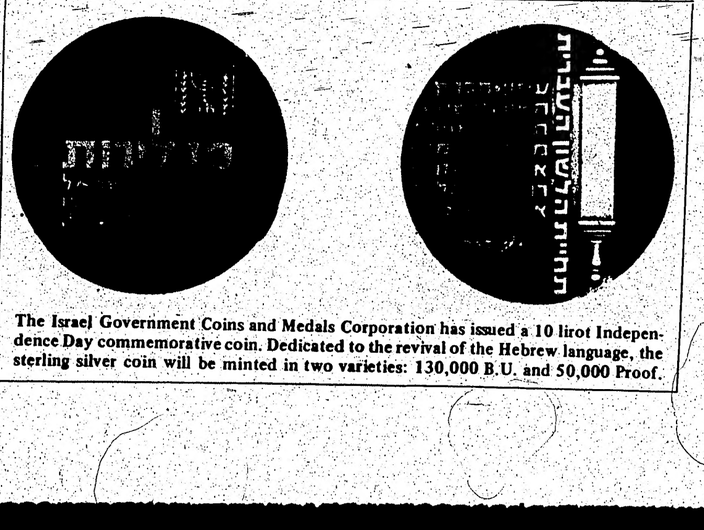
Jewish concern focuses, too, on the situation of the 550,000 Jews in Argentina, where scores of anti-Israel leftists are active in university, intellectual, labor and clerical circles.

In Brazil, which has 160,000 Jewish citizens and has been a staunch friend of Israel, there are signs that "the Arab League propaganda effort . . . is making inroads" as oil deals are made with Egypt, Algeria and Iraq.

Despite the apparently normal functioning thus far of Jewish community life in Chile, that country's sharp turn to the far right is also of inevitable concern.

The Arab states, themselves, while maintaining they are only "anti-Israel" and "anti-Zionist," draw freely on vicious anti-Semitic themes and tracts to stir up their citizens. The Cairo government has published various editions of **The Protocols**, which the late Egyptian President Nasser claimed "proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that 300 Zionists . . . govern the fate of the European continent," and that malevolent allegations have been made by Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, Saudi Arabia's King Faisal, the late Wasfi Tal of Jordan and Egypt's Anwar Sadat. Egyptian soldiers in the 1967 war carried pocket editions of Hitler's **Mein Kampf** translated by an official of the Arab Information Center in Cairo who had been a leader of the Nazi propaganda ministry and an associate of Joseph Goebbels.

Excerpt from report of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.



The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation has issued a 10 lirot Independence Day commemorative coin. Dedicated to the revival of the Hebrew language, the sterling silver coin will be minted in two varieties: 130,000 B.U. and 50,000 Proof.

Even while the Yom Kippur War was at its height, not a single day passed without the arrival of new immigrants. These two patriarchal figures from Bukhara must surely have sparked the interest of volunteers replacing the regular absorption staff.

Touted as 'most important publication of century...'

Encyclopaedia Judaica repeats old inaccuracies about history

By A.J. ARNOLD

A.J. Arnold

The new 16-volume Enclyclopaedia Judaica, issued in 1971 by the Keter Publishing House of Jerusalem, has been described by its publisher as "the most important Jewish publication of the 20th century." There is still a quarter century to go to prove this statement correct and for one thing the Canadian content will have to be improved.

When the first major Jewish encyclopaedia in the English language (Funk and Wagnalls) was published some 70 years ago, the **Jewish Times** of Montreal, commented (Jan. 16, 1903) on the Canadian contribution to that encyclopaedia: "If the article should be allowed to stand as is . . . a compendium of all that should be said about the Jews of Canada, it would be sadly inadequate."

This may be repeated about the new encyclopaedia, which among other things, fails to correct some of the inaccuracies perpetuated since they first appeared in the earlier work. The new encyclopaedia also presents a number of contradictory statements which compound some of the simple errors of fact.

One example of an old inaccuracy repeated concerns the status of Aaron Hart, generally accepted as the first permanent Jewish settler in Canada. Hart is again described as a "commissary officer" with the British Army during the conquest of Quebec (E.J. Vol. 7, p. 1351). It has been known for some 20 years that Hart was one of the civilian suppliers to the army (Jacob Marcus, Early American Jewry, Vol. 1, 1951, pp 203 & 213). British law of that day barred professing Jews from any office or place of trust, civil or military. The one Jew who was an officer with the British forces at Quebec was Alexander Schomberg, commander of the frigate Diana, who had converted to Christianity. This was the only way a British Jew might hope to achieve high office at that time.

Another misinterpretation which has acquired the characteristics of a myth concerns the role of Abraham Gradis, the merchant ship-owner of Bordeaux who continues to be described as a great Jewish benefactor of New France in the struggle with Great Britain. This view is repeated several times (E.J. Vol. 5, pp 102 and 935; Vol. 7, pp. 844). More than 20 years ago the French Canadian historian Guy Fregault presented a rather different interpretation of the role of Gradis arising from his association with Francois Bigot, the last Intendant of New France, who was brought to trial in Paris in 1761 for corruption in connection with the loss of the colony (Fregault: **Francois Bigot – Administrateur Francais**, a two-volume biography published in 1948). An objective re-evaluation of the role of Gradis is certainly required but in the meantime his "heroic" role is at very least exaggerated.

Another unfortunate feature of the new encyclopaedia is that it resembles a long-distance telephone information system where one frequently receives the wrong number. Here are several examples:

–Benjamin Hart and Moses Hayes of Montreal are reported as the first Jews to be appointed magistrates in Canada in 1873 (E.J. Vol. 5, p. 112). The correct date is 1837, but they were not the first as will be explained subsequently.

–The election date of Selim Franklin to the legislature of Vancouver Island is given correctly as 1860 in the British Columbia section (Vol. 4, p. 1380). In the section on Victoria, however, (Vol. 16, p. 118) the date of his election is given as 1863. Actually Franklin was defeated when he ran for re-election in 1863 but regained his seat in a by-election a year later.

–The beginning of the first attempted Jewish farm settlement near Moosomin is given correctly as 1884 under agriculture (Vol. 2, p. 412). However, the beginning of the same settlement is given as 1882 under Canada (Vol. 5, p. 106) -- another wrong number.

The lack of correlation of material on Canadian subject matter in different parts of the encyclopaedia carries over more seriously into contradictory statements on some vital topics.

Next: The Encyclopaedia on Jews in Public Office

Computer programing of Jewish law well under way, says Bar Ilan rabbi

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV –

An American-born rabbi at the religious-oriented Bar Ilan university here is working on a program to put Jewish law into a computer.

Rabbi Menehem Sleigh told **The Canadian Jewish News** that when completed, the computer's memory tapes will be able to provide an almost instant response to any question on Jewish law.

The advantages of this would be invaluable, Rabbi Sleigh said, not only to historians but to modern legal bodies.

"The Israeli legal system is a hodge-podge of laws, based on Turkish common and official law, British mandate rules, specially thought up for Palestine," he said. "When a court wants to solve a problem, the judges and lawyers have to look for precedents in international law even going back to Roman mandates."

Very often these conflicting legal systems give contradictory rulings and then a judge is faced with the problem of no precedent he could call upon.

"The basic legislation in the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) is hindered because of this," Rabbi Sleigh said.

"We in Israel speak Hebrew, so why not go back to the Jewish law by which we governed ourselves for 3,000 years. The Jewish people created a body of law which is alive and vital covering all forms of human experience such as war, depreciation of money -- even how to ransom captives and what price should be paid."

He quoted one example of a Rabbi Meyer of Rathenberg, imprisoned by medieval German princes and held for ransom.

"Rabbi Meyer forbade the Jewish community to ransom him or even pay one cent for his body if he were killed, since he felt that to give in to the kidnappers might just encourage the local German nobles to carry on with their kidnapping of Jewish citizens."

The problem of collecting the vast amount of knowledge on Jewish law -- in this case the "responsa literature," questions to and answers from various rabbis -- was immense, since the material exists in well over 2,500 books in Hebrew, Yiddish, Arabic and many other languages. It was not until the computer era was firmly established that such a job could be started.

Seven years ago Rabbi Sleigh started working on the concept of how and what to tackle and that alone took him three years, working in close collaboration with the Wiezmann Institute of Science.

"First we had to create the progran then convert the books to punched cards and then to electronic tape," Sleigh explained.

Now the actual computerization is well under way and eventually all the "responsa literature" will be in the computer, ready to be recalled at a second's notice.

Rabbi Sleigh wants to get the project out of the embryonic stage, as he puts it, and into an advanced data bank, something quite common in the scientific world.

He hopes that some institution will be willing to foot the bill and then offer computerized research for a fee. "Of course, I also hope the institute will be headed by Bar Ilan," he said.

The problem might arise, however, that if the Knesset changes its laws to make past Jewish law and precedents effective upon the legal bodies of today, there might be more than a little turmoil created when the religious oriented law comes into contact with secular bodies.

An atheist might object to having a religious decision forced on him.

Rabbi Sleigh agreed that the problem might arise, but was not too worried:

"Why do we speak Hebrew?" he asked. "Because it is the language of our people. In the same way why should we not accept the laws of our people?

"There is already conflict where the secular and religious worlds meet -- marriage and the 'Who is a Jew?' issue for example -- but this should not stop us using the precedents our forefathers set.

"Why should we be in conflict over taxation and go to British or Turkish rules when we already have precedents based on the ethics of Judaism in our hands?"

The Israeli government is a long way from considering such a drastic change-over and any contradictions between modern legal practice and the vast wealth of ancient Jewish law should not stop the Knesset from considering the change, Rabbi Sleigh feels.

"There are contradictions and legal problems every time a new law is introduced. It will just take a little getting used to," he said with a smile.

An open letter to Sharp

The Canadian government is taken to task by Judy Feld, chairman of the Foreign Jewry Committee of Beth Tzedec Congregation, for what she claims is the silence of Ottawa regarding the plight of the Jews in Syria.

Here is her open letter to External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp on this subject:

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Again, I am writing to you because of the silence of the Canadian government regarding the plight of the Jews in Syria.

As you stated to me in your last letter of Nov. 15, Canada has made efforts to allow a number of Iraqui Jews to join their relatives in Canada, but on the other hand, the state of the Jews in Syria has reached a point of desperation. The deterioration in their situation has now resulted in deaths and kidnapping of Jewish citizens in the ghetto of Damascus.

Several weeks ago, two young boys, Isaac Gaddeh and Albert Hasbani were kidnapped. Last week, according to the latest Jewish Telegraphic Agency report, four girls were murdered and mutilated in the Jewish ghetto of Damascus. They were Eva Saad, and three sisters Tony, Lora and Sarah Zeybalk.

As you are aware, even the application made one and a half years ago, to reunite the Sabbagh family of Aleppo with their brother in Toronto has not materialized.

We, as Jews, find that in our history quiet diplomacy has been ineffectual.

No country except for Israel has spoken out in the United Nations for the Syrian Jews. No resolutions have been passed condemning the Syrian authorities for the atrocities perpetrated against their Jewish inhabitants.

Canada, with its history of concern for the protection of minorities, and in view of its good relations with the Arab countries, must condemn openly the inhumane oppression of the Jews of Syria and facilitate their emigration to a friendly nation.

Canada must speak out publicly now against these wanton murders of innocent citizens only because they are of the Jewish faith.

The deprivation of the human rights of the Jews of Syria urgently requires Canada's humanitarian intercession to the Syrian government before the Jews face a communal death in another pogrom.

Respectfully yours,
Judy Feld,
Chairman,
Foreign Jewry Committee

ask the rabbi

Cremation would mutilate former home of a soul

1. One of the reasons given for the Jewish rejection of cremation is that it betokens lack of faith in the resurrection of the dead. But does Judaism only believe that we are also spirit and soul, and that it is this part of our being that survives death, not the body?

I would agree with you but there is no doubt that many Jewish teachers have believed in the physical resurrection of the body. A good survey of Jewish views on this subject and the general relationship between the belief in resurrection and that of the immortality of the soul is that of Louis Jacobs: Principles of the Jewish Faith, Vallentine Mitchell, London, 1964, chapter 14, pp. 398–454.

Obviously, this reason for prohibiting cremation is very weak. Even if one believes in the physical resurrection, God is surely able to reconstitute the body from its atoms after cremation and no one will suggest that those whose bodies were burned by the Nazis will be denied the resurrection.

The far more convincing reason for the Orthodox opposition to cremation is that the body was once the home of the soul and must not be mutilated even after the soul has fled. The comparison is drawn in the sources between a human corpse and a scroll of the Torah that is no longer fit for use. It must not be destroyed but placed reverently to rest in the soil.

2. Can a congregant not wearing tefillin be considered for the purpose of making up a minyan at morning prayers?

The congregant who does not wear tefillin fails to carry out his own personal obligation but this does not disqualify him from making up the minyan. The Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayyim 55:11 and Yoreh Deah 334:11) states explicitly that any Jew can make up the minyan, even a sinner.

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky is shown touring Yad Vashem, a Jerusalem memorial to Holocaust victims. He was on a recent mission of leading Socialists from eight countries.

The Jerusalem Medal is presented to 90-year-old Selma Mayer at City Hall. A nurse with Shaare Zedek Hospital since about 60 years ago, she founded its School of Nursing in 1916.

Before a vote of confidence was held in Israel's Knesset recently, Prime Minister Golda Meir spoke to its members. Her new cabinet coalition won a vote of 62 to 46. (IPPA)

Without Canadian matzo industry we are 'on edge of volcano'

By J.B. SALSBERG

At last it's that wonderful time of the year again -- that heartlifting time of Pesach. The long winter will have gone and we will joyously celebrate our ancient liberation from Egyptian bondage, our festival of freedom.

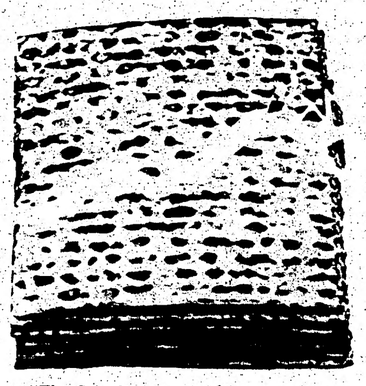
Jewish homes will be scoured from cellars to attics. The ingredients for the once-a-year Passover dishes will have been lovingly assembled and the centrepiece of the Seder table, the symbolic matzo, will have been securely deposited in the Passover pantry. In short, it's the time when Jewish spirits soar and when Jewish hearts acquire a joyous beat.

Who, I ask, but my good uncle Eliezer would come up with a worrisome subject on the eve of so glorious a holiday? But that's exactly what he did.

After the usual preliminaries and after the first sip of tea (with lemon, of course) he started with deliberate slowness: "Do you realize that matzo-wise, the Canadian Jewish community is sitting on the edge of a volcano?"

I looked at him with surprise. I couldn't decide whether he was in earnest or jesting. He clearly enjoyed my questioning look and proceeded leisurely to explain. "I'm not suggesting that we are, heaven forbid, in any physical danger. But do you realize that Canadian Jews, from St. John's, Newfoundland to Victoria B.C., are completely dependent on foreign made matzo? And do you realize that what with wars, embargos, or just strikes by railroad workers, seamen or longshoremen in foreign lands, or right here at home, we could find ourselves without a Passover matzo in the whole country?"

I tried to calm his fears by pointing to the fact that so far we have always had matzos, saying I foresaw no danger of us ever being deprived of them, especially since we now don't have to rely exclusively on the U.S. imports but we also have excellent matzos from



"The Canadian matzo was crumbled"

Israel. But my good uncle, who keeps his ears and eyes open for news from our far-flung Jewish centres of living, told me that only last year the small Jewish community in Cuba received much of its Passover needs after the holiday because of unforeseen and uncontrollable international transportation difficulties.

But uncle Eliezer, who likes to remind people that he "didn't come to this country yesterday" was, I suspect, less concerned about an imminent danger of Canadian Jews being without matzos on Pesach as he was about the undeniable fact that foreign matzo manufacturers literally prevent us from having a Canadian-owned and locally operated matzo plant.

We sat, drank tea and jogged each other's memory about past experiences in this area. We recalled that after World War I some enterprising Toronto Jews (whether for profit or other motives) began producing matzos in Toronto. But the experiment was defeated when the largest U.S. matzo outfit either gained control of the struggling native plant or opened a branch plant to compete with the Canadian enterprise. (Will someone please offer some more precise information about that happening?)

We both vividly recalled the idle matzo plant, allegedly owned by the U.S. giant, on Ontario Street just below Queen Street. When the threat of a revived Canadian effort seemed to have disappeared, the plant was dismantled. The Canadian matzo was crumbled.

During World War II the determined and enterprising Harry Gula, a longtime owner of a Jewish bakeshop here, made a gallant effort to break the U.S. matzo monopoly on the Canadian market by launching a modern matzo factory. His product was excellent and his promotion was imaginative and dynamic. But he too went down under the outsider's attack. Gula even appealed to Ottawa for help, but to no avail. In the end he was vanquished by the U.S. matzo juggernaut and our poor Canadian matzo crumbled again.

At this stage of our depressing reminiscences about the ill-fate of our Canadian matzo, we decided this was no way to approach the festivities of Pesach. We added a goodly portion of kosher l'Pesach slivovitz to our tea and the future for an independent Canadian matzo began to look brighter. Uncle Eliezer even suggested that we seek help from the Committee for an Independent Canada, especially since Jews are in the forefront of that committee.

Having regained our optimistic and festive Pesach spirit, we agreed that if our forefathers could be liberated from Egyptian bondage, it should also be possible to liberate our matzo from its foreign yoke. That would be good for our ego, for our Canadian pride and it would forever remove the ever-present danger that hangs over the heads of Canadian Jews - the danger (heaven forbid) of finding ourselves without matzos on the eve of Passover.

In that revived holiday spirit uncle Eliezer and I, his ever loyal nephew, raised our tea glasses (that contained more slivovitz than tea by now) to all of you and extended a hearty "Goot Yomtev!" or, as they say in Israel, "Chag Samayach!"

Stiff-neck trait evident even with trivia

Toasted tomato difficult to find

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

JERUSALEM -

The Bible tells us that the children of Israel are a stiff-necked people. This obstinacy is still very much part of the Israeli scene today, even in matters of utter trivia.

For instance, try ordering a toasted sandwich anywhere in Israel. Nine times out of 10, the only kind of toasted sandwich you can get is a toasted cheese sandwich. The writer happens to be partial to toasted cheese and tomato sandwiches, but has not yet succeeded in receiving her palate's desire in any restaurant, coffee house or hotel in Israel.

Strangely enough, most places do serve toasted cheese sandwiches garnished with tomatoes, but no one is prepared to toast the tomatoes. In the coffee shop of one of the most elegant and expensive hotels in Tel Aviv, where a single sandwich costs the equivalent of $2, I offered to pay more just to get what I wanted. The waiter patiently explained that it wasn't on the menu.

"But you have both cheese sandwiches and tomatoe sandwiches on the menu" I argued. "What stops you from putting the tomato in with the cheese?" The waiter shrugged impatiently. "Those are the rules madam." I settled for toasted cheese, which when it arrived, was surrounded by two sliced tomatoes by way of compensation.

In a leading Jerusalem hotel, I had the same problem, but was actually able to persuade a waitress to serve me toasted salmon sandwiches . . . which was at least progress. A Jerusalem coffee house which caters mainly for tourists makes the concession of toasting tuna fish sandwiches as well as cheese sandwiches, but refuses to add tomatoes to either.

Recently, in another coffee house, I ordered toasted cheese, but because of the numerous diversions which the counterhand found for himself, the toast burned, and I refused to accept it. Since the cheese in the burnt sandwich was the last piece of cheese on the premises, he could not make me another, so I asked for toasted tehina. He threw his hands up in horror. "You can't have toasted tehina sandwiches, we only make toasted cheese. I can make you plain toast, and you can spread the tehina on it later." I argued, but to no avail. He remained steadfast in his refusal to place a tehina sandwich in the toaster. "It's impossible" he said adamantly; and I left sans sandwich.

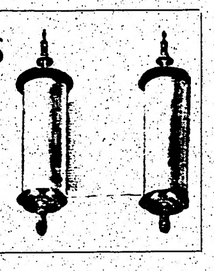
The argument against putting tomatoes or other oozing foods in toasted sandwiches would be valid if the toasters were vertical, but almost everywhere one goes in Israel to purchase a toasted sandwich, one sees a horizontal toaster. The only solution is for me to open my own coffee house or to wait for some enterprising American to settle in Israel and open a coffee house which toasts anything and everything.

Until then, I'll have to stick to a diet of cheese.

'Teach children from moment they can speak'

Sacrifice urged to keep youth in fold

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayikra

Adam kee yakriv meekem . . . When any man of you bring a sacrifice unto the L-rd . . .

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What can a Rabbi do when parents walk into his study and cry about their teenage or adult son or daughter who is dating a non-Jew or is hooked on drugs or following some exotic religious cult . . . Is a Rabbi a miracle workers? No -- by then it is often too late. The time to start teaching our children the Jewish way is from the moment they can speak.

The most precious resource we Jews have is our children. Our Rabbis taught us that the world would come apart were it not for the **brachot** and Torah study of little children . . . What they can accomplish with their prayers, not a hundred Rabbis or **tzadikim** can.

Why? What makes them so holy? The answer is -- because they are innocent and pure, without sin. There is an ancient custom among Jews, that when a child begins studying the Torah, the very first verses he studies are from this week's portion of **Vayikra**. Why? Because the sacrifices mentioned in the **parsha** had to be offered in complete purity, and who is more worthy to study these laws than a child who is **tahor**, pure without sin . . . But the truth is, that the idea of **tahara**, purity of thought, speech and action is not exactly in vogue now. How can it be when disrobing for streaking makes headlines, but when it's done for the sake of going to the **mikveh** it's hardly mentioned.

There is another important reason why a child begins by studying about the sacrifices. It's an important reminder to the parent. In this world, everything costs. Food costs. Clothing costs. Vacations cost . . . and teaching a child Torah must also cost. It costs quite a deal more to send a child to parochial school than public school. Parents must be ready to sacrifice money from other areas, for the sake of Torah -- but it is worth it.

After all, why did the Almighty give us money, if not in order to do mitzvot? They tell of a student of the Chofetz Chaim who ran in excitedly to his Rabbi and told of a certain wealthy man who had just passed away. "I hear he left behind huge factories, and hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable forest . . ." The Chofetz Chaim calmed him: "Don't get so excited . . . There's a poor Jew who died in Radin today, and he left behind Moscow and Vienna and Paris. It's not what you leave behind. It's what you take along with you . . .

The greatest asset a mother and father can take with them after 120 years is the knowledge that they raised a **dor yeshorim** -- a righteous generation that follows in the Jewish way.

It's an interesting thing . . . our Rabbis asked, when the Almighty wanted to create mankind, why didn't he create thousands of people at once, why did he make just one man, Adam . . . And they decided, it was to teach us that from each human being can develop a whole world of humanity . . .

When G-d blesses parents with a child, they must realize that they hold a world in their hands. How they raise that child will not only affect him, but countless generations after him. When they give him a strong foundation in Yiddishkeit, they are making a Jewish future. Shabbat Shalom.

Recently enacted kashruth law termed 'misleading' by rabbi

By RABBI DAVID KIRSHENBAUM

Jews interested in kashruth, which is one fundamental principle of Judaism, highlighting as it does our Jewish individuality, have triumphed lately with an achievement supposed to be historic -- a kashruth law in Canada.

As far as we know, a kashruth law has never been enacted in Canada according to recognized parliamentary procedure.

What did happen was that representatives from the religious Jewish community met with members of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, whose task it is to see that no false advertising claims appear on any products made available to the public. After lengthy discussion, these Jewish representatives succeeded in convincing the Consumer's Bureau that the mere presence of a menorah or a mogen david on a product does not necessarily mean that the particular product is really kosher. The Consumer's Bureau, therefore, agreed to institute advertising regulations to prevent the Jewish customer from being misled about kosher products. Is this to be called a Canadian kashruth law?

In Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, there are many Jewish butcher shops and restaurants having on the window display of their businesses a sign "kosher" with a mogen david. However, their kashruth is very much in doubt as they are not supervised by officials designated by the Canadian Jewish Congress. On the strength of those who claim that there is a Canadian kashruth law, these business establishments are legally liable for falsely advertising their premises as "kosher".

If kashruth is a Canadian law, a government representative or a supervisor of the committee on kashruth should be able to visit a Jewish butcher shop or a restaurant with the aim of investigating the meat or the foodstuffs served the Jewish customers to determine whether they comply fully with kashruth regulations. As far as we know, such a law exists only in New York state. There, a whole government apparatus with inspectors has been set up. If a Jewish butcher is found selling non-kosher meat, charges are laid against him, he is brought to court and fined. Does the so-called law recently implemented make such procedure possible in Canada?

We remember that a controversy occurred during the 1930s in Canada, wherein one rabbi said "kosher", the second said "treif". As a result of this rabbinic feud, the late Rabbi Jacob Gordon contacted some Jewish politicians and appealed to them to have introduced in Parliament, a kashruth resolution. However, he was made to realize that for various reasons such a resolution was an impossibility. Rabbi Gordon grasped the meaning of the answer and dismissed the idea of a kashruth law in Canada.

Now, a declaration is made that a kashruth law has indeed been enacted in Canada. If this is so, the question presents itself as to what authority is recognized by the Canadian government to have the absolute right to issue a verdict as to what is kosher and what is not. The dilemma is not unlike the dispute that is now raging in Israel as to who is really Jewish according to the Law of Return. One group of rabbis may say that according to their point of view, the meat in a Jewish butcher shop is kosher because it is under their supervision, while another group of rabbis might maintain exactly the opposite point of view.

It is far from our intention to minimize the importance of the fact that the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs agreed to take the responsibility for seeing that products being sold as kosher are kosher in fact. But does this really constitute a kashruth law in Canada?

We unhesitatingly maintain that this is misleading Jewish publicity and demand a thorough clarification on the part of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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Ingathering of the exiles spread to nature reserves built for four-footed variety

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

While the ingathering of Jewish exiles from the far corners of the globe continues to be a central theme of Israeli life, ordinary Israelis are also interested in the ingathering of other exiles, the four-footed variety. Their absorption centres are nature reserves, run by Knesset member Avraham Yoffe, which contain both fairly common animals and biblical species only re-introduced recently after having vanished from this land.

The largest number of ingathered fauna are found at Hai-Bar, an 8,000 acre sanctuary just north of Eilat. Hai-Bar, a project begun 10 years ago and eventually to be opened to the public, can so far only be observed from the Sodom-Eilat Highway, as the Hai-Bar Society wants to allow the "exiles" a chance to re-acclimatize before they have to withstand the assaults of camera-toting tourists.

Since Hai-Bar is located in a barren desert region, emphasis is initially being placed on animals accustomed to desert conditions, "returnees" such as the onager (wild ass), addax (pale-colored antelope), oryx (a large African antelope) and ostrich, as well as species still resident in Israel (in small numbers) like the Dorcas gazelle, Arabian gazelle and Ibex Nubiana. Another Hai-Bar, now being set up on Mount Carmel, near Haifa, will contain non-desert animals such as Carmel and roe deer, wild sheep and wild goats.

Just before the Yom Kippur War, when diplomatic relations with Africa still existed, a special operation brought to the Eilat Hai-Bar (aboard Israeli Air Force jets) 12 rare Somali wild asses from Ethiopia, where they had been captured by an American conservationist team. The Americans sold them to Israel because they thought the animals would feel at home in a land where their ancestors once dwelt.

Nechemia Meyers

The man in direct charge of the Eilat reserve is Mike van Gravenbroak, a non-Jewish Dutchman who first came to the country after the Six Day War to work as a volunteer in a kibbutz. Mike has a remarkable way with animals, with whom, so he says, he speaks in a variety of languages, including Hebrew.

Animals named in the Holy Book are also on view at Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo, where visitors cannot only see them, but also read the appropriate quotation. A sign on the fox cage, for example, reads: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards" (Song of Songs 2:15).

All this is certainly educational for visitors, but as far as the animals are concerned, the environment leaves something to be desired. Given the choice, they would undoubtedly prefer to be "ingathered" to an 8,000-acre sanctuary than to a tiny cage.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

The Toronto B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation's Holocaust Remembrance Week, running March 29 - April 3, opens with a Shabbat in Memoriam service Friday evening featuring readings of Holocaust literature. This will be followed by a series of films and lectures beginning Saturday evening with a slide presentation by New York author-photographer Roman Vishniac entitled **Polish Jews: A Pictorial Record**. That goes on at 9 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. On Sunday film writer Arnost Lustig, a professor of theatre arts at American University, Washington, D.C., will be showing his film **Transport from Paradise**, the story of the Terezin ghetto, at 8 p.m. at the University of Toronto Medical Science Building. The week continues with the film **Shop on Main Street** on Monday at 7:30 p.m., again at the Medical Science Building; three films, **Denmark 43, Act of Faith** and **I Never Saw a Butterfly**, at the Hillel House on Tuesday; and the film **Black Fox** followed by a discussion with University of Toronto philsophy professor Emil Fackenheim on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at New College.

HAVURAH OF ADATH ISRAEL

On Sunday, March 31, at 8 p.m., the newly-formed Havurah of Adath Israel is sponsoring a chometz clearance program in the synagogue's youth house. The Havurah, for Jewish young adults, 19 years and up, plans a discussion of Passover laws and customs led by Rabbi Robert Binder, as well as a bake-it-yourself matzo session, a sing-song of Seder melodies and a display of unusual Haggadot. For information about the Havurah and its programs call Joel Shapiro, at 638-5128 or Marsha Altman at 633-3451.

SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

Also on Sunday, the 31st, the Habet Ushma method of teaching Hebrew will be outlined at a seminar for Jewish teachers conducted by Shula Fleisher, a Detroit educator specializing in that method. The seminar takes place at 8:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation. It is sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education.

HAMILTON CAMPAIGN

Samuel Taylor, chairman of Hamilton's 1974 United Jewish Welfare Fund - Israel Emergency Campaign, expects the half-million mark will have been reached when the additional pacesetter cards have been canvassed this week. And Samuel Soifer, Hamilton Jewish Federation executive-director, reports that with well over $300,000 in 96 pledges in the men's division and $56,075 in the first 57 cards in the women's division, both are well ahead of their combined totals in the 1973 campaign. Hamilton's goal this year is $1,100,000.

CANCER SOCIETY FILM

The Mount Sinai Hospital Women's Auxiliary has set aside Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1, 2, and 3, for showings of the film **Decision** put on by the Canadian Cancer Society in its campaign to educate women about early detection of cancer. The film will be shown, on the hour, continuously from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the classroom on the 15th floor of the hospital.

Take note also of the Keep Abreast program, a panel discussion on all aspects of breast cancer being presented at the St. Lawrence Centre Wednesday, April 10 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

YIDDISH LECTURE

The Yiddish Culture Council of Toronto is planning a meeting for this Sunday, the 31st, with guest speaker-lecturer Chaim Grade, prominent Yiddish writer and poet from New York, who will be speaking on **David Bergelson and Other Soviet Yiddish Writers, as I Knew Them Personally**. The meeting is called for 8:30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Auditorium, Lawrence Ave. W.

NCJW HAPPENING

Another Sunday, March 31, event is the wine and cheese party (with some folk dancing added) being put on by the Centennial Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, at the Council House beginning at 8:15 p.m. Proceeds go to the council's community services program.

LZA LECTURE SERIES

The Labor Zionist Alliance lecture series presents Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education, speaking on **Baruch Spinoza** on Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 p.m. at the LZA Centre.

SHOMRAI SHABOS CONGREGATION

Shomrai Shabos Congregation's Rabbi Gedalia Felder will be delivering the traditional Shabos Hagodol Drosha discussing Halachot of Passover and timely problems on Saturday, March 30, at 5 p.m. at the synagogue. And during Passover students from local and out-of-town yeshivas will be delivering Torah discourses during morning and afternoon services.

ABOUT JEWISH EDUCATION

At the third lecture in the Adath Sholom Synagogue lecture series Wednesday, April 3, Rabbi Herbert Feder of Beth Tikvah Synagogue will be discussing **Education for Jewish Survival**. The lecture is at 8:30 p.m. at Adath Sholom, Sheppard Ave. W.

A REMINDER

Weekend dates to remember -- The Shabbat of Prayer for Soviet Jewry at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Saturday, March 30 . . . The ORT festival of crafts, **Hand Made in Ontario**, March 30, 31 and April 1, at the Masonic Temple, Yonge and Davenport.

B.B. WOMEN CONVENTION

The B'nai B'rith Women international convention met in Dallas, Texas, this past week. About 40 delegates from Canadian District #22, headed by Lucille Bensky, went down for the conference which was attended by 1,000 B.B. women from Canada, the U.S., Israel, Europe and South America. The theme of the convention was **Tomorrow Begins Today**.

Musical to give French Canadians first glimpse of Judaism's traditon

By DEBBY LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL -

Many French Canadians will get their first glimpse of shtetl life -- and indeed their first glimpse of Jewish tradition -- when the Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Center perform the musical **Shtetl Wedding** at the University of Laval this month.

The idea of inviting the Yiddish troupe to Quebec City to appear before an audience almost totally unfamiliar with most aspects of Judaism, originated with Clement Simard, a young teacher of drama at the university.

Immediately, the actors of the Yiddish Drama Group grew excited. Admitted Artistic Director Dora Wasserman: "We have been looking forward for a long time to performing in French Quebec."

Simard, who saw and enjoyed Sholem Aleichem's **The Lottery** put on last month by the Drama Group, explained: "Less than 100 Jews live in Quebec City, and therefore, Judaism is unknown to the people in the area. But I believe Jewish Quebecers are an important ethnic, religious and cultural group. Statistics show that 40% speak French . . . as a group they are articulate and are achieving much in the cultural field . . . Yet Quebecers know nothing about their traditions."

Dora Wasserman

He continued: "When you tell French Canadians that there are more than 100,000 Jews in Montreal alone, they don't believe you . . . We hope to help them understand that such a large ethnic group can't be ignored, that we must respect the traditions of all people in the province. For example, they always talk about Israel as though there were no Jews in Quebec -- but I believe it is hard to understand Israel without knowing anything about Judaism."

The audience, expected to comprise about one-third non-students, will be aided in comprehending the Yiddish-language play through a printed synopsis in French, a French narrator who will introduce each act, and, as Simard put it: "The play has a simple, universal plot."

Moreover, Dora Wasserman feels Yiddish theatre has a lot in common with its French counterpart -- in expressions, in gestures -- which is why it won't be difficult to understand.

While Simard recognizes that the shtetl does not encompass the folklore of all Canadian Jews -- only those from Eastern Europe -- he sees the presentation as a beginning, and anticipates that the conference on the fundamentals of Judaism which will be given that same weekend by Quebec City's Rabbi Prager, will help round out the picture.

Shtetl Wedding is one of the Yiddish Drama Group's favorites, and one which they repeat continuously all across Canada -- according to Dora Wasserman, "because it appeals to the young with its dancing, music and vivid characterization, and reminds the elderly of the past, when weddings were not based on food and glamor but on joy."

Program expands

NCSY high school opens in Kingston

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth has been operating a free Jewish high school on Monday evenings at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue since the beginning of September. Its success can be attested to by the 50 students who regularly attend it.

At a recent NCSY Shabbaton, a group of kids from Kingston expressed an interest in developing a similar program in their own city. As a result, weekly classes have been initiated in Kingston with the session leaders coming from Toronto. Occasionally guest speakers will be invited from Ottawa and Montreal.

The two courses that are presently being offered are in Jewish philosophy, using Maimonides' writings as a text source, and Siddur, analyzing Jewish prayers and their meaning.

This first branch of NCSY Torah High hopes to be the forerunner of several such institutions in other communities such as Hamilton, Oshawa and Brantford.

For further information write to NCSY, 365 Wilson Avenue, #2, Downsview, M3K 1E3, Ontario.

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The student council of the United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Branch, held a bazaar on March 7 and raised $125. The money is to be used to purchase tape recorders to enable a unit of soldiers who are stationed on the Hermon Heights in Israel to continue with their studies.

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Bnei Akiva held its annual Purim carnival in Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue on Sunday, March 10. All proceeds of the event have been directed to worthy causes in Israel.

...about people

A Belgian of Roman Catholic faith who was honored by Israel for her humanitarian efforts during the Holocaust will be in Toronto this week as guest speaker at Hadassah-WIZO's spring meeting. She is **Jeanne Daman-Scaglione**, a member of the underground during World War II, who was directly responsible for saving many Jewish children. The meeting is on Monday, April 1, at 8:15 p.m. at Temple Sinai.

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Friends and colleagues of the late **Louis Shore**, who was director of arts for the Toronto Board of Education, have decided to honor his memory by helping an art student each year. They are establishing a Louis Shore Memorial Prize, an annual $50 award going to a senior public school student whose work in the field of art has been selected by a committee and an instructor within the department. Anyone wishing to contribute may send a cheque to the Toronto Board of Education accounting department, marked to go to the fund.

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University of Toronto student **Robi Blumenstein**, one of the nine young people responsible for the Academy Award nominated film **Life Times Nine**, goes down to Hollywood this week with the rest of the group for the Oscar ceremony.

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Also heading California way -- but not until the summer -- are **Rabbi Michael Signer** and family. The rabbi, a doctoral student at the University of Toronto in Medieval History, has been appointed assistant professor of Jewish History at the California school of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

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Here and there -- Proof that Women's Lib is fast becoming an equalizing factor -- **Prime Minister Golda Meir** was named recipient of the Judaic Heritage Society's 1973 "person of the year award" . . . New York's first Jewish mayor **Abraham Beame** received an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Bar Ilan University at a dinner in New York this past week celebrating the 18th anniversary of the university's founding . . . The Chilean military junta has appointed a Jew as ambassador to Israel. He is **Dr. Samuel Gleizer**, a lawyer, at present vice-president of the Chilean Zionist Federation and a member of the governing board of the Representative Committee of Chilean Jewry . . . Another South American item -- A street in Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be named for **David Ben-Gurion**.

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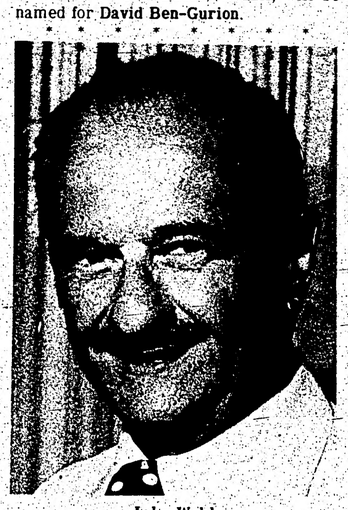

John Wahl

Toronto lawyer **John Wahl** will be participating in the upcoming biennial convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board taking place in Cleveland at the end of next month. Mr. Wahl, president of Toronto's YM-YWHA, is to be panelist at a session on **The Art of Jewish Community Centre Membership: Retention and Upgrading of Membership Support.**

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in my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL –

The other night, I delivered the "pitch" for Canadian Jewish Congress annual Eastern Region conference, which takes place at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Sunday, March 31.

The where and why of my little discourse, was at Ste. Agathe des Monts, some 60 miles north of Montreal and at one time known not only as the "capital" of the Laurentians, but as the heart of Jewish life during the summer vacation season, and the occasion was a fun-filled party at the local synagogue, in observance of Purim.

What remains of the Jewish Ste. Agathe community, considerably decimated by time and the tide of youth flowing to the big city, was enthusiastic and much related to those elements of Jewish life which, because of the momentous happenings in the social and political configuration of Quebec and the unceasing turbulence affecting the state of Israel, have become paramount concerns.

It doesn't seem so long ago that Congress, under the brilliant philosophical leadership of Saul Hayes whose sense of pragmatism is something else again, concentrated on playing the role of the "voice" or the "Parliament" of Canadian Jewry, the central focus being on "lobbying", to use a dirty word, with federal and provincial governments, to safeguard Jewish interests.

All that is in the long ago, of course, and now in 1974, its role has been enlarged in the safeguarding of Jewish interests, from culture to smaller communities, and from the Soviet Union to the state of Israel.

It is within this framework or, if you will, expanded terms of reference that the CJC's Eastern Region conference will deal with current problems as they affect Jews from Ottawa to Newfoundland, and from Ste. Agathe to Sherbrooke, some 80 miles south of Montreal.

It is also within this concept that this regional gathering can well serve as a launching pad or, again if you will, as a preview for Congress' plenary session, which is the biennial national convention, taking place in Toronto's Royal York Hotel in June.

The Eastern Region, please note, has as its three basic themes "Congress in Perspective," human rights, and Jewish education and if you read carefully, it is clear that what happens in March at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, can be taken as a necessary shaping of the issues which will almost certainly surface at the convention.

It would seem to me that the "Congress in Perspective" theme particularly, a euphemism for Congress' role in the future of Jewish life in Canada, is by far the most important at a time when the significant social changes within and outside the Canadian Jewish constituency, have so challenged the divisions of labor for still very vibrant, viable and respected Jewish institutions.

It is clear that now, as never, the CJC really has an opportunity to exercise the mandate which it has jealously guarded for so many years, and which, I'm afraid, is being enviously coveted with increasing frequency by other institutions operating on the "umbrella" theory being promoted by well meaning Jewish leaders that administrative centralization, is the key to Jewish survival.

I think it is important to realize that those who promote the importance of the centrality of Jewish life, fail to realize the historical absolute of Jewish survival: Divisions, neither secular nor non-secular, ever hurt our peoplehood, because far more important is the common motivation of **ahm Yisroel chai**.

In fact, I would say it is the pluralistic nature of our people, where sorted out in terms of religious, political, cultural or social needs, that has generated the dynamics and sparks of survival.

Thus, the CJC must remain a very viable part of **ahm Yisroel chai**, not only surviving under the threats of well-meant takeover tactics by more centralized bodies, but in fact strengthened and expanded according to the original terms of reference.

As to the human rights portion of the March 31 conference, this will be largely an opportunity to hear Quebec's Justice Minister Jerome Choquette who, when I last heard him speak publicly on the subject a couple of years ago, was still promising legislation that would protect the rights of all, and particularly ethnic communities.

In the light of the touch of paranoia surfacing every time there is a possibility of new Quebec legislation in education, social services and language, it will be fascinating to see how Monsieur Choquette this time plays the old game of mirror, mirror on the wall . . .

Finally, the session on Jewish education should be most stimulating, to understate the situation, in view of the jurisdictional and philosophical wrangling going on for months now, and particularly as Golda Meir put it so eloquently, that without a thorough Jewish background, North American youngsters moving to Israel, are in danger of constituting still another deprived minority.

Artistic background merged with soul into dual career

By ANNE F. KORN

TORONTO –

Rare is the man who not only has two careers but also derives satisfaction and success from both.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Louis Danto, who has chosen Toronto as his home, talked about his double life as cantor and recitalist. "I love my profession of cantor but then I have the ability to sing recitals, not necessarily opera," he remarked. He has integrated these roles well and uses the conception of the classical style in the liturgy.

This noted cantor's involvement in music started in the early 1930s. His father was a dilettante singer and used to listen to the famous cantors. As a child in Poland, Danto sang as an alto soloist in the choirs of such greats as Jacob Berman and David Moshe Steinberg. Danto lost both his parents during the Second World War. He escaped to Minsk, however, where he studied at the local conservatory from 1939-1941.

He moved again to Russia where he studied cello and voice. Next, shortly before his 17th birthday, Danto arrived in Italy. There he received encouragement from the renowned tenors, Beniamino Gigli and Tito Schipa. He won a scholarship in Rome which enabled him to continue his musical education.

In 1950, Danto came to the United States and decided to combine his artistic background with his "Jewish soul." He studied his chosen career of "hazzanuth" with Leo Lowe and Herman Zalis and voice with Dr. Mirko Pugell, whom he called his "greatest teacher." Danto expanded his knowledge of Jewish sources as a student at the Yeshivah of Mirr.

He began to fulfil his goal when from 1955-1967 he was chazzan at the Jewish Centre of Atlantic Beach, New York.

Cantor Danto

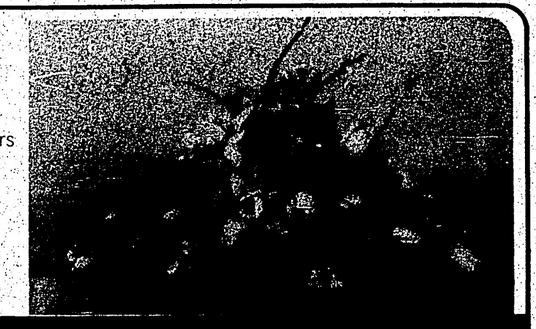
For the next seven years, he served as cantor of Park Synagogue in Cleveland, the largest Conservative shul in the United States.

In that country, Cantor Danto enraptured concert audiences with his lyric tenor voice. Critics were equally thrilled. In reviewing his concert at Carnegie Hall, Allan Rich of **The New York Times** called Danto's voice "a thing of great beauty, clear and true over an impressively wide range. His open-throated pianissimi at the top of his range were breathtaking . . . as though from another world."

His concerts in Cleveland met with similar enthusiasm. There he sang Mozart, Scarlatti and Rachmaninoff and **The Cleveland Plain Dealer** critic wrote: "Danto has a finely disciplined, very flexible voice -- one that is impressive in its ability to reach extremely high notes at full volume and without the slightest hint of strain."

The style he has developed is known as Bel Canto, meaning beautiful singing. It is modelled after the 17th century Eastern European way of singing.

"When I sing cantorial, it has the flavor of the classics. It must not be a screamed out tone, it must be pleasant to the ear," Danto said.



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Quebec again promises human rights charter

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL –

A human rights charter has once again been promised by Justice Minister Jerome Choquette. The bill is slated for adoption in the national assembly before this summer.

Choquette once again said the code is his department's top priority. The bill will set out citizens legal and political rights, prevent discrimination and will create a human rights commission to oversee the entire operation.

"As I understand it," Choquette told a local reporter, "linguistic rights will be taken care of in separate legislation and will not be included in the rights charter."

How linguistic rights can escape the domain of a human rights bill is a feat only the Bourassa government could achieve, a tribute to its enormous power in the national assembly.

A controversy over language rights flared up recently when Premier Robert Bourassa said immigrants will be compelled to educate their children in the French language after an examination has been taken by the youngster.

Choquette's aim is to avoid drawing up a Quebec version of the Canadian Bill of Rights which sets out generalities without giving them the force of law.

The justice minister hopes the charter would supercede many of the provisions of the Civil Code. It should touch rights under law, freedom of speech, and association, anti-discrimination in housing and employment, and others.

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Organizations and People

Two members of B'nai Sepharad, a Moroccan activities centre, Mrs. Miriam Cazis (left) and Mrs. Dana Levy, display traditional food served at its opening Sunday. (Gadi Hoz)

Moroccan activities centre opens on Bathurst Street

TORONTO –

The B'nai Sepharad, a unique activities centre for retired people in the Bathurst – Wilson area, was officially opened last Sunday at the centre's new facilities at 3703 Bathurst St. David Yaron, of the Jewish Family and Child Service, who has been responsible for the establishment of the senior citizens centre, said the official opening is the final result of nearly 1 1/2 years of work and planning.

The B'nai Sepharad centre project was started late in 1972 when a small group of Moroccan senior citizens began planning social and cultural activities for their community. Within several months, membership of the group grew to include most of the elderly Moroccans in the area.

According to Yaron, the establishment of the program and facilities was made possible through professional support from the JF&CS and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services as well as financial grants from the federal and provincial governments.

The B'nai Sepharad has three major objectives:

To reach out to the isolated elderly in this ethnic community, to provide meaningful activities for personal growth and social interaction within the centre and to build a network of contact with the larger community where the language skill is essential.

Conditions said 'sombre' for Jewry in the USSR

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO –

Veteran of two wars, the Spanish Civil War and the Second World War and witness to the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, Kirill Khenkin, a former prominent Radio Moscow correspondent and his family, now face adjustment to life in war-torn Israel. They arrived in October of last year -- two days before the outbreak of war.

Khenkin was in Toronto last week as part of a tour of Europe and North America sponsored by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry. Measuring his words and tapping a pencil contemplatively against his chin, Khenkin, a sober-expressioned man of 58 with iron-grey hair, dark glasses and grey and black clothes, sketched a sombre picture of the situation in the USSR today. "There is no sign of liberalism -- rather the contrary," he said.

By the end of 1973, 80,000 of the 200,000 Soviet Jews who had received invitations from relatives in Israel, had been permitted to leave. But as Khenkin points out, Soviet emigration policy has always been highly selective. "85% of the Jewish population of the Soviet Union live in the central areas and the big cities," he explained. "Of this group only a fraction -- 2% have been permitted to leave. The rest of the Jewish population lives in the periphery -- the Western Ukraine, the Baltic areas and Georgia. The overwhelming majority of those allowed to leave for Israel come from these areas.

"The situation of those activists in the big cities who have been waiting to leave for years is now particularly painful," said Khenkin. "They are now much more vulnerable and much less vocal." The Khenkin family's own exit was attended by many trials. Eventually, partly due to pressure from the West, the Khenkins did receive their visas and they arrived in Israel on October 4, 1973.

For those who remain behind, the situation is deteriorating. "The West was deluded into believing that if no political charges were brought against Jews, t was a hopeful sign. But there has been no improvement, just a change of tactics.

"As far as we know, of 35 Jewish telephones in Moscow, hardly one remains in service. Soon we shall have to rely entirely on Pravda and Isvestia for news of what is happening to Russian Jews."

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Hyman Pechenick, president of Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged Residents' Council, has dined with royalty and met prominent politicians during his, so far, four-year term.

Unexpected fringe benefits delight home's council head

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO –

Little did Hyman Pechenick think, when he was elected president of Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged Residents' Council, that he would dine with royalty, meet with the premier of the province and chat with the queen's representative in Ontario.

Ordinarily, he and his committee deal with matters of resident concerns -- complaints, suggestions, opinions. But as head of the 20 person resident-elected council, the 83-year-old retired pantsmaker received and accepted an invitation to the dinner tendered Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip by the lieutenant-governor during the royal visit last June. And earlier this month he attended the opening of the Ontario legislature -- "I sat just a few chairs away from Premier Davis" -- and then on to the official reception where he met and mingled with Ontario's leaders from Lieutenant-Governor Ross Macdonald and Premier William Davis down.

Those auspicious occasions are, of course, just by-products of his position. The council is made up of three representatives from each floor in the home. It is the first of its kind in Ontario and has served as a model for the provincial government's program to encourage the establishment of like councils at homes for the aged through Ontario.

The committee gets together about once a month and their decisions and desires are forwarded to the administration through Lorne Miller, administrative assistant at the home who acts as liaison to the group.

One of the ideas put in motion by the council is a fund to which each resident contributes 50¢ each month towards the purchase of gifts for Baycrest staff (there are more than 600 staff members) for Chanukah, in case of illness or if one of the staff leaves to have a-baby.

Walking with energetic gait, a pill-box style yarmulka covering his head and a Baycrest volunteer pin attached to the lapel of his grey suit, this elderly gentleman goes about his duties with enthusiasm. Each morning after religious services where he acts as chazzan, he arranges the activity bulletin board in the main lobby of the home. Three days a week he works as a salesman in the home's Opportunity Shop which sells clothes to the residents. Spare hours, aside from the regular Baycrest program are spent watching television and reading (he speaks and reads four languages -- English, Yiddish, German and Polish).

Born in Austria, Pechenick came to Toronto as a youngster of 13 after three years in New York.

"I arrived on a Saturday and by Monday morning I was out selling newspapers," he recalled.

Within a year, the young immigrant was apprenticed to a tailor and after a four week training course and the purchase of a $10 machine he became a "first class" pantsmaker, remaining in the trade until his retirement in 1958.

He soon found out that "walking the streets every day doing nothing made me feel bad. So I decided to do something about it." With that he joined the Baycrest Day Care program, where he met and married his wife, Rachel. They moved into the home about six years ago and remained there together until her death two years ago.

Apparently, the democratic process at the home is such that an election is called only when the residents feel they want one. So far, Hyman Pechenick continues as resident president, even after almost four years, and who knows what dignitary's hand he'll be shaking next.

Campaign is underway to aid Israel's children

TORONTO –

Pioneer Women's annual appeal on behalf of the youngest and most vulnerable citizens of the state of Israel -- the children, has triggered a renewed flow of cash into Israel, specifically directed to providing the overall nursing care and accommodation required by hundreds of children.

Mrs. Dora Israelson, who returned recently from a special mission to Israel, was the featured guest speaker at the Pioneer Women's Adopt A Child Dinner recently at Beth Torah Synagogue, at which time contributors to this project were honored. Mrs. Mollie Rothman was the overall convenor for this appeal and Mrs. Sylvia Mirsky the communal organizations chairman.

The campaign is in aid of the five children's day-night homes in Haifa, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv, Rehovot and Chadera -- operated by Pioneer Women and their sister organization, Moetzet Hapoalot, in Israel. These are for children who are unable to live at home because of family upheavals due to war, illness or extreme poverty. Pioneer Women and Moetzet Hapoalot also operate 1,100 social service institutions for Israeli women, youth and children. These day-care centres, homes, and vocational schools, number over one-half of the total of all social service institutions in Israel.

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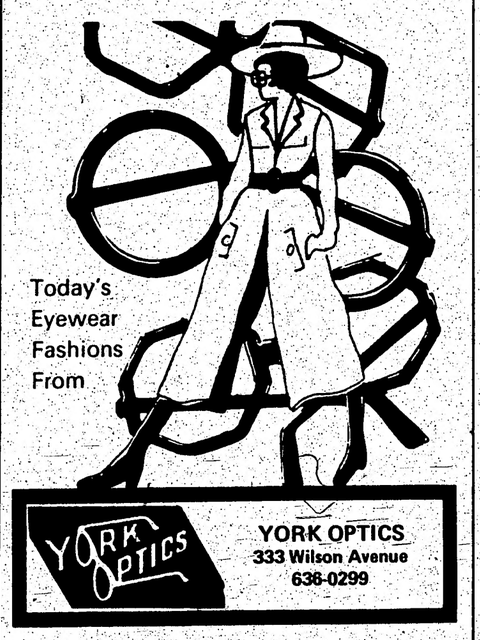

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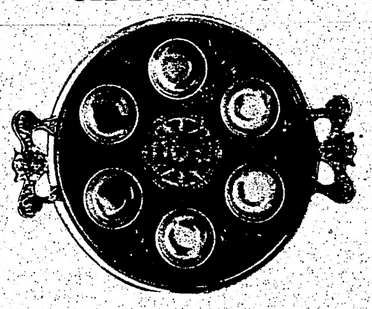

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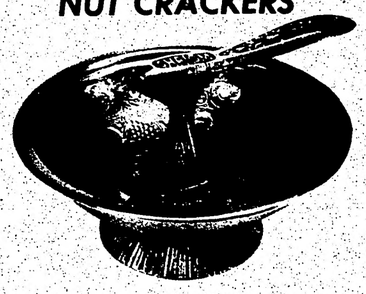

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Albums by Streisand, Alberstein shine

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By RICK KARDONNE

The year 1974 has already seen some improvement in the contemporary music scene. Although by no means a total improvement over the past three dreary years, the presence of good songs such as Cher's **Dark Lady** and of inventive jazz-rock groups such as Earth Wind & Fire and Cool & the Gang indicate the first noticeable turn away from the church-gospel folk-rock which dominated the scene from 1970 to the end of 1973. Even Joni Mitchell realizes that in order to survive she must switch over to more sophisticated fare such as **Twisted**. Yet the two shining lights which give the most hope to 1974 are by far the two new releases by the two foremost Jewish woman vocalists of our time, Chava Alberstein and Barbra Streisand.

For over a year, I've believed Chava Alberstein to be the best pop singer anywhere in the world. I still do, and her most recent album, **Loo Y'Hee**, more than confirms my beliefs. As a person who has been involved in one form or another with every form of contemporary music, I can say that this album is musically the most exciting, creative and significantly innovative record to appear anywhere within the past five years.

Chava Alberstein's remarkable blend of traditional Israeli folk roots, modern jazz, modern rock and the best of Parisian cabaret styles is just too important to be ignored; it is a landmark which should sooner or later lead the entire contemporary music scene in her direction.

The title song, if translated into English, would become an automatic number one hit record in North America. This Naomi Shemer composition has a catchy minor-key chorus-verse line and a strong soul beat which combine to make it an instant medium-paced rocker. Lyrically, it is an eloquent plea for an end to the fighting; it is the song of the Yom Kippur War just as **Jerusalem of Gold** capsulized the Six Day War. Another cut on side one is a Brel-type tune translated to the effect of "we were born to love, drink, laugh, fight and die."

But for me, the highlight of this great album, a song which I regard as an all-time pop jazz classic, is **Over a Volcano**, which combines a complex yet melodic chord progression, a fantastic Herbie Mann-type flute solo interwoven with a sax counterpoint, and above all, Chava Alberstein's virtuoso voice which effortlessly blends elements of French cabaret, an urban jazz wail, and an Israeli-style yearning lament, into one funky, incredibly beautiful unique style all her own. Just preceding the above is a tender yet mature minor-key Spanish-type ballad. I am positive that this truly sophisticated yet vibrantly earthy album would be an instant hit in North America; Chava Alberstein is a personality that the entire Jewish people all over the world can naturally feel with and can proudly claim as our own. She is truly our soul for today.

Different, but still a piece of fine artistic maturity and accomplishment, is Barbra Streisand's album **The Way We Were**. I have always been a Streisand fan from the beginning, and feel that she richly deserves the title tune being at the top of the pop charts; it's a good thing for all of us. Free from both the over-lush, limp orchestrations that made many of her early songs sound alike, and the misplaced attempt of four years ago to match her up with Laura Nyro gospel rock which was far beneath her level, Ms. Streisand is finally singing sophisticated ballads which are both meaningful and musically challenging; this album establishes her as being at the peak of her career so far. Let's hope that this album will set a new high standard not only for Barbra Streisand but also for the entire middle - of - the - road pop scene in general.

Plan demonstration at Russian embassy

TORONTO -

Women for Soviet Jewry are planning a demonstration in front of the Russian Embassy in Ottawa this Sunday to protest the imprisonment of Sylva Zalmanson by the Soviet authorities. Buses will leave from Lawrence Plaza at 7 a.m.

A feature of the demonstration will be a prisoner's lunch to be set up in front of the embassy. The food will be similar to what Sylva Zalmanson gets to eat in Potma prison camp.

Although the trip is organized by Women for Soviet Jewry, it is open to all -- men, women and students, anyone who is interested in reminding the Soviet leaders that Canadian Jews are concerned over the welfare of their co-religionists.

The Ottawa branch of Women for Soviet Jewry is making arrangements for the demonstration and its members will join the Toronto delegation in what is planned to be a peaceful affair outside the Russian Embassy.

"We are anxious to have as large a turnout as possible," a spokesman for the organization said.

Sylva Zalmanson has been very much in the news over the past year. Worldwide protests against the persecution she is suffering at the hands of Soviet officialdom have failed to bring her freedom. The slogan of the Women for Soviet Jewry is "if you forget her, the world forgets her."

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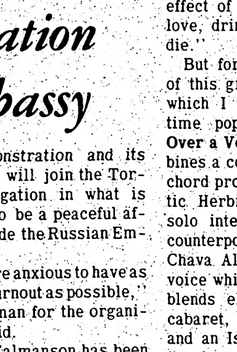

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Love for cinema exhibited as child blossoms into big hit for director

By T. SCHNURMACHER

George Kaczender was lured to Canada by the National Film Board during the revolution of 1956 in his native Hungary. Now Kaczender, who recently produced-directed one of this country's most successful films, U—Turn, feels the NFB should become a film school because it can't compete with the much-improved private film industry evident here.

MONTREAL -

George Kaczender immigrated to Canada from his native Hungary during the revolution of 1956. Almost 17 years later, he is the producer-director of one of the most successful Canadian films to date -- **U-Turn.**

Kaczender attended a Jewish elementary school and spent many a boyhood afternoon at the cinema instead of in the classroom in the grand tradition of the French cineastes. He recalls: "When I was 11 or 12, I used to show up for roll call in the morning and sneak out from the schoolyard during recess. The neighborhood movie house was only a few blocks away and I used to devour all American movies. I still remember all the Bogey epics and the musical comedies."

The young Kaczender studied at the Budapest Film Academy and later worked in Budapest as an assistant director. He soon became dissatisfied with the political system in Hungary and wanted to leave. "Originally I had intended to go to Italy, but I changed my mind when I heard about the National Film Board. They had just moved from Ottawa to Montreal and needed more staff. As they were sympathetic to Hungarian political refugees and since I was a damn good editor, they hired me."

Soon, Kaczender began to direct several short films of his own. His first feature film **Don't Let the Angels Fall**, which he co-authored, was shown in official competition at the 1969 Cannes Film Festival, being the first Canadian feature film ever selected to compete at Cannes.

The Hungarian film director has some very definite ideas about his old alma mater, the NFB: "The NFB used to be a fantastic place for developing new cinematic talent a few years ago, as there was no private film industry to speak of at the time. Today the board can no longer compete with private industry either in quality or quantity. It should reasses its role and become a film school which Canada is sorely lacking."

Kaczender left the NFB is 1969 and co-founded International Cinemedia Centre and Minotaur Films with Hungarian compatriot John Kemeny. (Kemeny has just recently completed production on Mordecai Richler's **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz.**)

The partnership was short-lived as the two volatile Hungarians did not see eye to eye on many matters.

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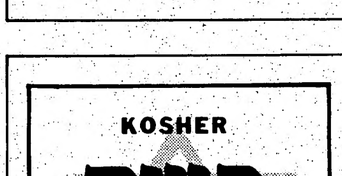

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Author of the kosher cookbook Two's Company, Bev Marsh hopes the book becomes a super fund-raiser for Hadassah. She also wrote Would You Bake, Please. (Hamilton Spectator)

Book hoped big fund-raiser

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

Cooking for two is usually a labor of love.

And writing a cookbook for those who cook for two can also be a labor of love.

It certainly was for Bev Marsh, who took time out from a busy life to write a cookbook, not for personal profit but as a Hadassah fund-raiser.

Two's Company is a soft-cover "boutique item," as she calls it; a booklet that's a fun thing to give or to have for those who cook for two and who are, she says, neglected by cookbook authors whose recipies are generally intended for families.

More than just a cookbook, **Two's Company** has all sorts of information and hints, from facts and fallacies on fish to the delights of gracious entertaining, from furnishing for two to banking for two.

Two's Company goes for Bev Marsh herself and one may be forgiven for wondering whether there's not one but two of her. Her friends know her as Molly Beube, wife of Harry Beube, mother of three grown sons all at university, three times welfare fund chairman, past president of B'nai B'rith Women, Hamilton and president of Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah.

The rest of the world knows her as Bev Marsh, professional actress on stage and TV; from CTV's cross-country children's show **Uncle Bobby** to a vast number of TV commercials. Many will remember her as a regular on the old **Harry Harris Jewish Hour** and this summer she will be seen at Barrie in **The Last of the Red Hot Lovers** under Sean Mulcahy's direction.

Then there's the fund-raiser who's always on the lookout for something new and different that'll raise more money than the last time. Fund-raising has been a way of life since she was a youngster when, she says: "I did monologues and recitations in Yiddish in the days when Israel was still called Palestine."

A Torontonian born and bred, Mrs. Beube's home has been in Hamilton since she came here as a bride 27 years ago but a good deal of her professional life is still spent in Toronto.

Two's Company is her second cookbook for Hadassah -- the first was **Would You Bake, Please** in 1968 -- and Mrs. Beube hopes it will become a super fund-raiser across the country. "During the recent emergency, money from the advertisers was on its way to Israel even before I had finished writing the book," she reports with pride.

All recipes are kosher and on April 10, 15 and 19 Bev Marsh will be demonstrating some of them on **Secrets from the Kitchen** on Channel 11 from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Young guard wins control over ZRO's veteran leaders

TORONTO –

The young guard of the Zionist Revisionist Organization, Central Region, successfully challenged the veteran leadership of the movement, according to a press release issued recently.

The new president is Louis Silver, 38-year-old Toronto lawyer. Elected with him were Harry Wolle, 34, vice-president; Sammy Polster, 32, treasurer, and Jacques Rajchgod, secretary. Other executive members are Stan Price, Jan Branitsky and Max Freiberg.

The press release said that while such veteran leaders as Louis Shainhouse, Lewis J.E. Moses and Maurice Mlotek will continue to serve on the advisory council, the actual day to day running of the movement will be handled by the new officers.

Silver said the organization is committed to the establishment of a Beit Jabotinsky cultural centre in Toronto at the earliest possible date.

Shainhouse, immediate past president of the Revisionist movement, said there comes a time "when new leadership must be given a chance. We are certain that their spirit and motivation will shortly make its mark on Ontario Jewry."

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Up The Wall draws wide clientele

Personal contact for crafts assures quality

A Peruvian weaving is exhibited by Sid and Beverley Borins in their shop, Up The Wall. The store stocks items from about 50 countries, all purchased through personal contacts.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO –

Up The Wall is neither a fiery revolutionary slogan nor an obscene command, but the name of a charming little shop in the heart of downtown Toronto specializing in mod-traditional wall hangings from all over the world, and Canadian handcrafted items.

Up The Wall, owned and operated by Sid and Beverley Borins since July of 1973, has already attracted a far-flung clientele. Customers come from as far as Western Ontario and the New England states to view and possibly buy the amazing variety of hand-made goods on display at the Borins' two-storey shop on Jarvis Street.

The items include weavings, tapestries, batiks, hookings, macremes, stretch prints, alpaca furs, steer hides, metal sculptures, copper pots, hand-carved masks, Canadian Indian leather drawings and even Mennonite quilts.

All of the items on display at Up The Wall can be hung on walls, placed on floors and beds or laid on table tops. The items, which originate from some 50 countries, are characterized by a richness of texture, a profusion of well-balanced colors, a dedication to unusual design -- and an engaging sense of originality.

Interestingly, the Borins' do not purchase their things from an importer. They buy from personal contacts.

Their brightly-colored mola tapestries, for instance, are bought directly from the Mola Indian tribe of San Blas Island, off Panama, by an amateur ethnologist working for the Bank of Nova Scotia.

And their Cape Breton Island hookings are acquired from a woman friend who knits them when the weather is inclement.

Perhaps the most visually striking thing in Up The Wall -- a coffee table fashioned out of petrified driftwood and clear glass -- apparently is not for sale. It was made by Sid Borins, a woodworker for the last 20 years, and he is loath to part with it.

"I found the driftwood in Florida," said Sid, a quiet, unprepossessing man who used to be in the hotel business before he and his wife embarked on a new career. "I worked on it in my spare time. No, I don't think I'll sell it. I've become too attached to it."

Until a few years ago, Sid and Beverley Borins had little time for anything but their thriving hotel business. They owned two hotels, one in Toronto and another in Whitby.

In 1970, after 21 years of hotel work, they quit, weary of the long hours, and eager to indulge their long-held interest in arts and crafts. They decided to launch a new and totally different business.

Reaction was all but immediate.

Says Beverley, a ceramacist herself, "Nobody believed us, all our friends said we were crazy to give up such a good livelihood. But we knew what we wanted and went ahead and did it."

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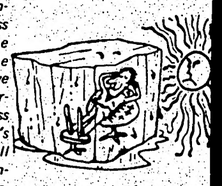
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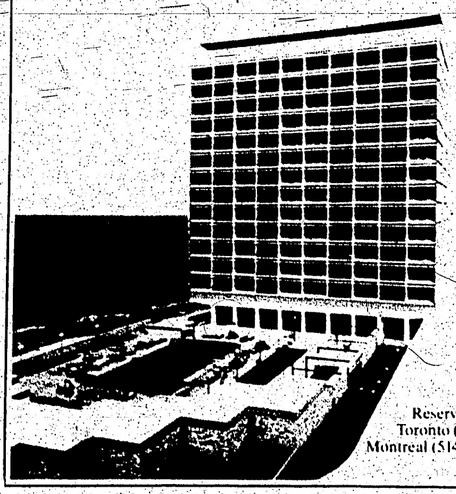
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Travel

Jerusalem has grown from a quiet university town to one of exciting crossroads cities of the world

By G. DOUGLAS YOUNG

Luxury has come to the biblical locale of the Dead Sea with the opening of the Pan American Hotel Dead Sea, the first five-star hotel in the newest resort area of Israel. The 10-storey hotel offers 210 rooms as well as suites and penhouses. It includes a shul and a shopping arcade.

JERUSALEM –

I have watched it grow during a decade and a half. When I first came to Jerusalem it was a quiet university town, half in Israel and half in Jordan. Today it is a busy, growing, united city -- the capital of Israel. Jerusalem is one of the exciting crossroads of the world. It has been "home" to me for the last 10 years.

It is a kaleidoscope of cultures, always changing. Arabs in modern dress or in their centuries' old pantaloons, long robes and special head gear; Jews of the Orient and the Occident and many in the black robes and distinctive hats of the Orthodox of old Europe; the streets teem with "ordinary people" and important personages from all over the world. Western tourists with their ties and coats or those with short shorts, dirty jeans and unkempt hairdos! You pass fancy restaurants and hotels and in a few blocks you find yourself in a shuk (market) that is as old as anything in the Oriental world. European sidewalk cafes are next door to Arab men sitting on stools smoking their hubly-bublies.

Down the street will come a woman in the very latest fashion or a Moslem woman dressed as of old, all in black with a black veil completely covering her face. In a side street you find a small shop selling antiquities thousands of years old and a few blocks or a short bus ride away the world's great museums of biblical antiquities. In one store you'll find the most up-to-date ladies' fashions or the most progressive educational toys for children, and in the next an old world artisan will be plying his trade -- whether it be carving of olive wood, jewelry of mother-of-pearl, or Yemenite jewelry.

For the more sophisticated also it is a colorful city. The holy places of the three great monotheistic religions are virtually side by side. On Fridays the Moslems crowd the old temple area. On Saturdays the Jews from all over Israel and the world are visiting Jerusalem and the Western Wall. On Sundays all kinds of churches ring their bells and hold their services.

Day by day the history of the world is spread out in dozens of places. One may visit the oldest evidences of man's presence in this Holy City in museums or at actual excavations: the Dead Sea Scrolls from the intertestament times; the work of excavating of Herod's Jerusalem actually going on; a great Crusader church; or the more modern and important museum of the Nazi Holocaust in Germany. Nor should one forget that he may visit the 1:50 scale model of this city from the times of the Herods -- biblical times! It is more than past history, however, for the history of the future will be influenced by all the varied scientific and cultural events and research constantly taking place here, from private research to worldwide conventions.

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G. Douglas Young is president of The Institute of Holy Land Studies – Jerusalem.

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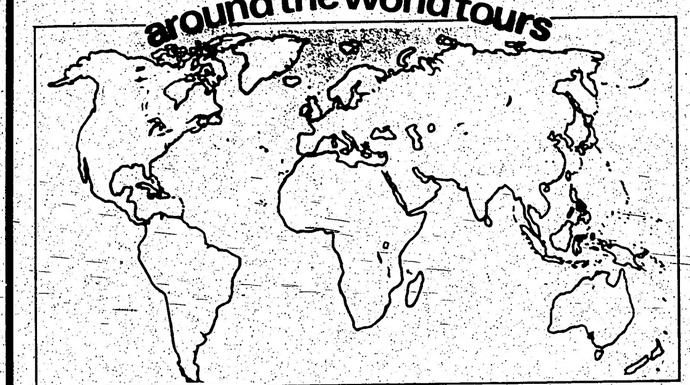

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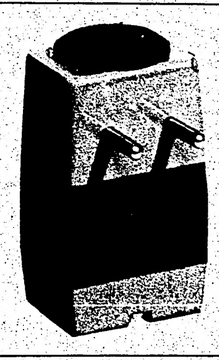

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Harry Rasky's epic documentary, Next Year in Jerusalem, is a visual-verbal feat rather than a documentary one, says reviewer Jeniva Berger. But although it will be lauded by educators, clergyman and historians, she feels the film lacked rapport with its viewers. Rasky (on left) and actor Barry Sullivan are shown on the road to Jericho.

Although treat, film lacked rapport

T.V.

By JENIVA BERGER

I can't imagine anyone who watched Harry Rasky's epic documentary on the CBC Tuesday night not impressed with what they saw. But it was visual-verbal feat rather than a dramatic one, a limited tribute to a man who approached his subject matter with a good deal of love but a fearsome respect for the scholarly word which tempered our emotional involvement in the process.

Rasky's film will probably be lauded by educators, clergyman and students of history. There is an importance about it, its sheer magnitude - 4,000 years of the Holy City's history compressed into 90 minutes! - and its bountiful feast of photography, art reproductions and sculptures, which can't be denied. Further, Rasky has given equal acknowledgement to Jerusalem's Jewish, Christian, and Moslem influences through his story of the city's turbulent life which should assure him, and justifiably so, a universal market for the film.

But I wonder how many people felt as I did, more a dutiful respect toward the film's contents, rather than a rapport with it, and a disappointment that somewhere hidden in a mountain of words was a bond between subject and viewer which failed to emerge.

The task Rasky set out for himself was not a simple one. Six installments might have told Jerusalem's history adequately, but a minimal 90 minutes which demanded dedicated absorption was a large responsibility for an audience facing "the history of war and wisdom, peace and power, kindness, cruelty . . . everything in short, that is man."

Rasky, with the aid of researchers, took three years to write his epic and counts himself lucky that it was filmed prior to the latest Middle East crisis. He sees the work as a natural successor to two of his earlier films: the multi-award winning **Hall of Kings** (on Westminster Abbey) and **Upon This Rock**, a history of St. Peter's in Rome for which he recently received a Writer's Guild of America nomination. You might assume that from these comprehensive topics, intimacy is not his style, but in fact Rasky is able to concentrate on single personalities (Tennessee Williams' South and The Wit and World of George Bernard Shaw) and breathe life and warmth into his footage.

The deepest moments in **Next Year in Jerusalem** were felt when the performers managed to break through the verbiage and objectivity; Toby Robbins' sensitive portrayal of Mariamme uttering her legacy as Herod's doomed wife, and that glorious contralto Maureen Forrester singing the Kol Nidre as well as the beautiful title song written especially for the film by Rasky and Lou Applebaum. Though hardly dramatized, other roles were competently if inanimately filled by John Colicos, Barry Morse, Sam Jaffe, Joseph Hadin, and Lorne Greene as the on camera narrator.

Rasky's talent as a filmmaker are something to be reckoned with; he thinks big and relishes new ways and angles to film objects which haven't been tried before. His topics, drawn from the literary world, art, history, and civilization are painstakingly researched and lavished with tender, loving care. His sense of composition and appreciation of natural things is sound and rewarding to watch. In short, he is certainly a creative man not only in working with others but within his own art form.

We should be indebted to him for attempting to tackle this epic history, but it would have been a richer experience if we had felt the blood, sweat and tears in Jerusalem's sands of time.

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